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## Soviets Reduce Radiation Beamed At U.S. Embassy

The U.S. State Department hinted it had won a signal victory from the Soviets last week by getting them to reduce the microwave radiation beamed at the American Embassy in Moscow, radiation which has been at such a high level that it could have affected the health of American personnel.

The Soviets have apparently been bombarding the embassy for the past 15 years for the purpose of jamming American listening devices atop the embassy building. Though the Russian Embassy in the United States is equipped with similarly sensitive machinery to pick up official government conversations, the United States has refused to counteract this machinery with microwaves.

State Department spokesman Robert Funseth declared that the "provisional judgment" of medical experts is that "there is no cause for concern regarding health hazards" at the present level of radiation, now less than two microwatts per square centimeter. But he announced the government had concluded a \$300,000 contract with Johns Hopkins University to explore a possible connection between the microwave bombardment and the health of U.S. diplomats and personnel that have served in our embassy in Moscow.

Funseth said that Soviet radiation reached a maximum level of 20 to 30 microwatts per square centimeter in certain areas of the U.S. Embassy last year, even though the maximum safe exposure for microwave radiation by the Soviet Academy of Sciences is 10 microwatts per square centimeter. In other words, the Soviets—in this era of detente—were purposely beaming three times the amount of microwave radiation at our embassy than they believed to be safe for U.S. citizens and other personnel working there.